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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the claims as follows:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A woven/non-woven fabric, consisting of:

fibers consisting of pure cotton forming a web of a predetermined weight,
wherein a consistency and a rigidity of the web are provided by a purified water
spray at high pressure and subsequent removal of moisture using high temperature,
wherein said fibers have a substantially uniform length, and
wherein said fibers are bound in a horizontal direction co-planar with a plane of
the web and in a transversal direction perpendicular to the plane of the web,
wherein said fibers have not greater than 4.5 micrograms per inch of fiber
thickness.

15. (Previously Presented) The woven/non-woven fabric as claimed in claim 14, wherein
a length of said fibers is in a range of between about 8 mm to about 18 mm, and
wherein a weight of said web of fibers is not less than about 35 grams per square
meter.

16. (Previously Presented) The woven/non-woven fabric as claimed in claim 14, wherein
said fibers are a by-product of a spinning process.

17-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The woven/non-woven fabric as claimed in claim 14, wherein
a length of said fibers is in a range of between about 8 mm to about 18 mm.

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22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The woven/non-woven fabric as claimed in claim 14, wherein the fabric has a high absorption capacity.

25. (Previously Presented) The woven/non-woven fabric as claimed in claim 24, wherein said absorption capacity is in a range of about 15 times to about 16 times a weight of the fabric.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A woven/non-woven fabric, consisting of:

fibers consisting of pure cotton forming a web,
wherein said fibers have a substantially uniform length, and
wherein said fibers are bound in a horizontal direction co-planar with a plane of the web and in a transversal direction perpendicular to the plane of the web, and
wherein said fibers have not greater than 4.5 micrograms per inch of fiber length.

28. (Previously Presented) The woven/non-woven fabric as claimed in claim 14, wherein a thickness of said web is in a range from 1 mm to 10 mm.

29. (Canceled)